

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1543 – SB 1602

March 6, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Increases training requirements for bounty hunters, including additional training for bounty hunters who will carry a firearm. Requires the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) to certify the new training courses.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditure – \$43,100/One-Time
\$57,700/Recurring

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014409): Deletes and rewrites the proposed legislation to (1) require all bounty hunters, including those from another state, to receive the necessary training pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-11-401, (2) prohibit bounty hunters from wearing, carrying, or displaying any item that resembles items indicating the bounty hunter is an official of a government entity, and (3) state that bounty hunting is not a defense to violate any traffic or criminal law.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 40-11-318 sets forth guidelines for bounty hunting.
- The proposed legislation requires all bounty hunters, including those from another state, to be trained pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-11-401.
- The proposed legislation prohibits bounty hunters from possessing anything that resembles items indicating they are an official of a government entity.
- The proposed legislation also states that bounty hunting cannot be used as a defense for the violation of any traffic or criminal law.
- Any impact resulting from passage of this legislation is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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